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Letter from a Filipino Student to Geraldine Ferraro

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Dear Vice-Pres. Ferraro:

Warm greetings from the far away Republic of the Philippines!!

My name is [REDACTED]. I'm a home economist by training and profession. I did both of my bachelor's and master's degrees in the University of the Philippines. In 1975, I went to Michigan State University + in early 1979, finished a PhD degree in Family Ecology. I stayed on in the US up to mid-1983: worked at Chicago State U, MSU, and U of Wisconsin-Madison. I also did a postdoc training in social welfare at U of Wisconsin-Madison. In mid-1983, I decided to participate in the Philippine government's "Returning-Scientists" program. This will be good for 2-3 years. I should be back to the US by end of 1985 or 1986 -- already as an immigrant!!

What prompted me to write you is that I'd like you to know how pleased I am for Mondale's decision of naming you as his running mate. I am very much convinced it's been long overdue that the US should have a woman in high place as the Vice + the Presidency itself!! I am convinced, too, that you're the best that he could have. Hence, I pray every night that you + Mondale win this coming election. Needless to say, I'm a 100% Catholic myself, + bless the day Mondale decided on you. He couldn't have a better choice!!

This letter sounds as if I do admire you. I do, indeed, I admire you a great deal. I need a lot of materials (books, etc), and am very much interested in how your campaigns have been going!

Today, I prayed especially for your upcoming debate w/ G. Bush. I'm sure the exposure will do you good, not to say, you'll be able to put across your platform to your tele-viewers and listeners. I wished we could have it televised via satellite (live), just like the LA Olympics. I'm sure, too, that as the election day comes, you'll be able to gain more votes to your side. Like I've said earlier, it's long been overdue; we should have someone like you; we need you up there!!

I happened to be a strong supporter of "Woman In Development" programs before I left for the US in the Fall of 1975 (I also had worked at the UNCTAD + handled this particular program), and during my 8-year stint in the US, I was actively involved in feminist issues/programs/services/concerns. Then here back in the Philippines of which I am

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a native, I am involved in issues and programs. Hence, I see you being up there as a major breakthrough for women in the US, as worldwide.

I may not be able to vote this coming Nov., but rest assured I wrote my relatives (there are many of them) & are U.S. citizens already! and my friends, to vote Mondale-Ferraro. They are also actively rallying on your behalf!!

I hope this letter will get to you, wherever you are. I'm not sure I have your correct address, but I bet this will be forwarded to you just the same.

I'll continue to pray for your excellent health, happiness and an astounding success for your ticket -- as well as for your own family. I wish you the best for the coming elections. I am

Sincerely yours,

Director, Research Center